

The Anti-Cruelty Society Foster Program Application

Please answer the following questions to help us understand your background as well as the type of foster home you can provide our animals. Please note that in order to be considered to become a foster you must 1) Be at least 18 years of age 2) Have the consent of all adults living in your household 3) Provide at least one reference and 4) Understand that The Anti-Cruelty Society must approve your application.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Driver's License (State and number) _____ Birth Date _____

Reference Name _____ Phone Number _____ Relationship _____

Length of time known _____ Have you alerted the reference of your intent to foster? Y ___ N ___

DO YOU: Attend School ___ Work ___ Employer/Position _____

Type of housing: House ___ Apartment ___ Condominium ___ Dorm ___ With Parents ___

I OWN ___ I RENT ___ Landlord's Name _____ Phone # _____

1) If Apartment or Condo, have you approved your foster status with the landlord or condo association? Yes ___ No ___

2) Please list other members of the household, their age, and relation to you: _____

3) Do any members of your household have a cat or dog allergy? Yes ___ No ___ Specify _____

4) Have you consulted and received approval with all other members of the household regarding fostering? Yes ___ No ___

5) Which member of the household will be the primary caretaker of the foster animal(s)? _____

6) Does your home have a fenced yard? Y ___ N ___ Specify _____

7) Please provide information regarding your pet(s) presently at home (*Skip to question 12 if you do not have any current pets*)

Name	Species/Breed	Age	Sex	Altered?	Vaccinations (what type and when)

8) Who is your current veterinarian? _____ Phone # _____

9) What inoculations have your current pets had within the past year? _____

- 10) When was your current pets last visit to the veterinarian? _____
- 11) Do you understand that there are inherent risks to bringing any new animal into your home, be it foster or otherwise? This may include health problems and/or behavioral issues among current pets. Y ___ N ___
- 12) What type of experience do you have, if any, with companion animals? _____

- 13) Why would you like to become a foster volunteer? _____

- 14) What kind of animals are you available to foster?

Animal	Yes/No	Situation	Yes/No
Puppy (under 1 year)		Too young/underweight	
Dog		Illness	
Kitten (under 1 year)		Injured	
Cat		Socialization	

- 15) Do you understand that a foster animal, regardless of why they are placed in your care, may develop an illness? Y ___ N ___
- 16) How many animals are you willing to foster at one time? _____
- 17) How many hours will the foster animal/s be home alone during a typical day? _____
- 18) If fostering a dog, how many times will they be walked each day? _____
- 19) Where will your fosters be housed during the day? _____ At night? _____ When left alone? _____
- 20) How will you train your foster to:

Dogs	Training	Cats	Training
Refrain from barking excessively		Stay off furniture and countertops	
Not chew/eat plants, furniture, shoes		Not scratch furniture	
Relieve themselves outdoors		Not chew/eat plants	
Refrain from rough play		Refrain from play-biting	

- 21) What will you do if your foster/s urinate indoors or outside their litter pan? _____

- 22) What will you do if your foster/s keep you awake at night? _____

- 23) What behavior problem(s) are you not willing to handle? _____

- 24) Are you interested in permanently adopting an animal in the near future? _____
- 25) How much do you anticipate spending yearly to care for foster animals? As a foster volunteer you will be provided with dry food, collars, identification tags, and a leash or cardboard carrier for your foster/s. Fosters provide accessories, like litter pans and litter for cats, as well as toys, treats, beds, etc. \$ _____

- 26) In addition, all fosters are required to purchase a foster license with the state of Illinois for \$25 through The Anti-Cruelty Society. Do you have any objection to registering with the state? Y ___ N ___ Specify _____
- 27) The ACS strongly encourages that all foster animals are kept separate from pets at home if they are of the same species. This is to reduce the health risk to your own pets. Would you be able to separate ACS foster animals from your own if you foster animals of the same species? Y ___ N ___
- 28) Because of the health risks, the ACS asks that you do not take dogs to public parks, dog beaches, or other areas of high dog activity. Are you able to comply with this request? Y ___ N ___
- 29) Do you understand that all animals are placed in your home on a temporary basis and when the requests of the shelter have been met the animal must be returned to the ACS? Y ___ N ___
- 30) Do you understand that all foster animals belong to ACS and can be taken out of foster care at any time? Y ___ N ___
- 31) Do you understand that ACS may euthanize your foster animal at any time for health or temperament reasons? Y ___ N ___
- 32) Do you agree to keep all foster cats inside your home and all foster dogs on a six foot leash at all times when outside of the home? Y ___ N ___
- 33) Do you agree to notify the ACS if your foster animal exhibits any signs of aggression? Y ___ N ___
- 34) Do you agree to notify the ACS if the foster animal/s escape(s) from your home? Y ___ N ___
- 35) During the foster stay, you are the primary caretaker of the foster animals and therefore, the animals should remain in your home the entire foster period. Are you able to comply with this? Y ___ N ___
- 36) Do you agree to notify the Foster Coordinator and veterinarians if health problems arise? Y ___ N ___
- 37) Do you agree to inform the foster coordinator of any changes in your address, phone, or foster status? Y ___ N ___

VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

For the purpose of obtaining permission from THE ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY of 157 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, to perform services for ACS, I state that I am an adult 18 years of age and have no physical or mental handicaps or impairments which might adversely affect the performance of the activities which I desire to undertake on behalf of ACS. I propose to serve without compensation as a volunteer worker for such period or periods and at such time or times as may be mutually agreed upon by me and ACS. I understand that my gratuitous services will include participation in educational programs related to humane treatment of animals; lecture and tour programs at schools, group and organizational meetings and other places of assembly; general clerical duties; handling of various kinds of animals; and other duties related to the charitable purposes of ACS. In performing any duties for or on behalf of ACS, I will act entirely at my own risk and on my own initiative (under the direction of ACS's operating personnel). I am aware of the dangers inherent in the presence and handling of animals and hazards encountered in the normal course of living. I shall at all times assume the risk of and be responsible for my own actions.

Now, in consideration of ACS's willingness to delegate to me assignments of work within the scope of ACS's charitable purposes, subject to the revocation of such activities by me or by ACS at any time and from time to time, I make the following commitments:

1. I assume responsibility for all risks of loss or damage or injuries that may be suffered by me or to property owned by me or in my custody in the course of my activities on behalf of ACS from any cause, including but not limited to ordinary negligence attributed or which might be attributed to ACS or any of its agents, directors, officers, servants, employees or other volunteer workers, whether sustained or suffered at any premises under the control of ACS or at any other premises not under the control of ACS, or when enroute to or from all such places or premises by any means of travel, including but not limited to (a) privately owned vehicles, (b) my own automobile or vehicles borrowed by me, and (c) public transportation.

